

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4709–S4786

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3464–3474, and S. Res. 547–548. **Pages S4744–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 1507, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–203) **Page S4744**

Measures Passed:

Oil Pollution Act: Senate passed S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. **Page S4785**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4711–41**

Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 182), Baucus Amendment No. 4326 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. **Pages S4736–38**

Cornyn/Kyl Modified Amendment No. 4302 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. (By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4711, S4735–36, S4738**

Rejected:

Roberts Amendment No. 4325 (to Amendment No. 4301), to exempt pediatric medical devices from the medical device tax. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 180), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4728–29, S4733**

Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4711**

Franken Amendment No. 4311 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish the Office of the Homeowner Advocate for purposes of addressing problems with the Home Affordable Modification Program. **Page S4711**

Sanders Amendment No. 4318 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate big oil and gas company tax loopholes, and to use the resulting increase in revenues to reduce the deficit and to invest in energy efficiency and conservation. **Pages S4738–39, S4739–41**

Vitter Amendment No. 4312 (to Amendment No. 4301), to ensure that any new revenues to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund will be used for the purposes of the fund and not used as a budget gimmick to offset deficit spending. **Page S4739**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 179), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), to provide for the extension of dependent coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), as being in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4711, S4732–33**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 181), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish 3-year discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to